

## BEHIND THE SCENES

The season is fast approaching that brings joy to the youngsters in every household and quiet satisfaction to the elders. For "Hope" writes the poetry of the boy, but memory that of the man." The qualities of wealth are no cause for the inequalities of happiness, and although as a race we are proverbially poor we are easily satisfied. When unable to gratify extravagant desires, money to us has but little value, the rainy day is not anticipated. We spend with a reckless disregard of the future. We are more concerned in laying up treasure in heaven, than on earth. Costly jewelry, furs, fine raiment and a comfortable arm chair and we feel perfectly content. Put money in thy purse" said Shakespeare, unfortunately ours is open at both ends. There are some exceptions.

Another Negro Convention has met and adjourned declaring in favor of the organization of a Negro Party. The peculiarity of the action of this gathering is shown in the resolutions passed calling upon members of the race in States where they are disfranchised to meet en masses to organize and petition their respective legislatures for the passage of laws to protect them against Negro bawdy houses, run by Negro women, cocaine, whiskey and peonage. The brethren are evidently concerned with a more serious problem than the loss of their votes and their pitious appeal for help indicates they have been caught in the quicksand.

It was a Baptist brother who having joined the Episcopal Church added to the litany when with pious unction he prayed on retiring, "From twins, the Democratic party, the flesh and the devil, Good Lord, deliver us!"

The Place Matesherbes in Paris, France, will soon change its name and be known as the Place des Trois Dumas on account of the three statues erected in honor of General Dumas, the grandfather, Alexander Dumas, the father, and Alexander Dumas the son. The General stands sword in hand between the two celebrated writers. These famous Negroes recall the anecdote told of the author of Monte Cristo, who when asked what his father was, replied, "A mulatto." And your grandfather?" "A Negro." "And your greatgrandfather?" "A monkey." The mother of the great writer was a poor Negress of the Antilles, a servant almost, a slave as the origin of the name indicates—du-mas—meaning "of the house."

One of the most prolific writers of any age, his Negro origin was forgotten in the admiration of his genius. The son was worthy of the father, excelling him as a dramatist. His "La Dame and Camélias" gave him a seat in the Academy of the Immortals. France knows no color when her sons are great. She judges them by merit alone.

The discharge of a colored clerk from the Census Bureau for writing a note to a female employee of the office, and without allowing him a

chance to explain, was not only arbitrary but in opposition to Civil Service rules. Admitting the indiscretion of the act, it seems improbable that the party written to is blameless. If the offender had been of the same race as the lady nothing would have been done in the case, in fact it would have passed as unworthy of consideration. From the newspaper account it was a most heartrending experience for the young lady. She was thrown into hysterics, had to be excused for the day, and suffered untold agony for fear her name might be mentioned in the same breath with that of the miscreant, etc. While it is plain that the clerk writing the note was what is euphonistically known as a "chump," still the loss of his position was unquestionably due to his color rather than his note writing propensity.

Rev. Ralph Amos, President and General Manager of the Montrose Male and Female Industrial and Agricultural School of Montrose, Ark., lectured Saturday night on "The Unrest and Discrimination Against the Negro Race." The brother prided himself on being one hundred per cent Negro, and proceeded to criticize every member of his race, even Fred'k Douglass and Booker T. Washington were not spared. This reverend railed against every one not up to the hundred per cent standard. The colored race in this country is like Joseph's coat. There should be no prejudice among them, but unfortunately it exists and in some instances is more intense than that shown by the whites. Let this believer in solid colors go back to the institution with a formidable name, and over which he presided in a dual capacity, and reflect on his asininity. Any man proud of being black in these trying times, stripped of privileges and hounded on all sides, is either a fool or a fanatic, and sometimes both.

The College Club C. H. Y. B. of Washington, D. C., composed of H. L. Bailey, P. N. Bailey, E. D. Bassett, U. S. G. Bassett, E. M. Gregory, Thos. Hope, W. T. S. Jackson, C. S. Shippen, F. L. S. Smith and J. W. F. Smith, sent a letter of sympathy and admiration to Monroe Trotter of Boston.

Admiration for his effort to break up the Booker Washington, and sympathy because he landed in jail as a result.

The action of these college graduates reflects neither credit upon themselves or their alma mater. Enlisted in the cause of education, to oppose a man laboring along the same lines gives evidence of marked microcephaly (abnormal smallness of head), especially when the success of the opposed is so pronounced as to be safe from puerile attempts to belittle the man or his work. The disposition to encourage anarchistic methods is not commendable in gentlemen of good manners, scholarly attainments and advanced views.

Hon. Walter L. Cohen, U. S. Land Office, New Orleans, La., arrived in the city last Wednesday on official business. He is renewing the acquaintance of old friends and making many new ones.



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